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No. 20 19th July 2023

## Principal's Note

# Newsletter

**Week 1, Term 3 2023**

*Kia ora koutou and welcome to this week's newsletter.*

### CELEBRATING LEARNING & ACHIEVEMENT

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break - I've heard about lots of exciting holidays, and also some nice relaxing whānau time at home, while chatting with the students back at school this week. For myself, I enjoyed some down time in between Dance Competitions in Hamilton and Tauranga (my daughter not myself lol!) and a football tournament in Hamilton. A highlight for my daughter's team (and hubby Stu who has coached them for the last 6 years since they were all 4 years old) was their invitation to be ball girls for the friendly match between FIFA World Cup teams Spain and Vietnam on Matariki Friday. Our club at McLennon Park in Papakura is the Spanish team's home base and our girls were thrilled to be invited - although I don't think they realised quite how much 'standing around' there is when you're a ball girl. Parents weren't allowed into the clubrooms with the girls after the game either as it is all very tight security, but our girls had fun taking selfies with the players and getting their balls signed. They even got to meet Alexia Putellus - dubbed by many as the best women's footballer in the world. Very exciting stuff if you're into football!



Now for an update on the home learning front (also known as 'Homework' or 'Learning at Home'). Last term, we found that we needed to have a look across the school at what was happening in this space in terms of consistency, and clarity for parents, particularly in Year 3-8. This sparked an in depth review with our Leadership Team as to what was happening across teams. We found that in 2019, the school made a deliberate decision to move away from 'traditional homework sheets' and look at home learning in a more holistic way. However, Covid/Remote Learning intervened and blurred the lines (as it did in so many ways), and along with a changeover of staff, we have ended up in a situation where some classes provide homework and others don't. So what we have decided is to go back to the original decision that was made. We are looking to create other avenues for home learning that don't involve setting a homework sheet (that ultimately doesn't benefit the student or teacher in terms of progress and achievement).

What we will be offering from now on, is a wide range of resources and activities endorsed by the Ministry for parents to utilise if they wish to provide home learning tasks for their child to complete at home. For Junior classes, you can still expect a reader/phonics/alphabet activities to come home each night, as well as early number tasks if applicable. The link to this can be found on the document attached below which also outlines our school philosophy behind homework. We are also in the process of getting these resources uploaded onto our website.

For those students who have a genuine self motivated interest in being extended in terms of their learning at home, Mr Dyer (with my support) will be available to work with these students after school from 2:45-3:15pm on Thursdays starting next week. The aim will be to provide authentic learning experiences that can be worked on at home, and then monitored/extended/shared at these weekly sessions. If your child is interested, please email Mr Dyer ([johnnd@karaka.school.nz](mailto:johnnd@karaka.school.nz)) to let him know.

**[Link to Document - 'Home Learning @ Karaka School'](#)**

And finally, good luck to our Year 7&8 teams at the E Pro 8 Competition which will be held at Pukekohe Intermediate tonight at 5pm.

Ka pai to our Good News Call of the Week from Week 10 of last term:

**Junior:** Erick Y - for consistently showing excellence in his learning and within the class. He is a great helper, responsible and always has a positive attitude. He is always kind and nurturing to others and always the first person to help others in need.

**Middle:** James R - for consistently showing excellence in his learning and striving to be the best he can be. He is always respectful and polite towards everyone and shows nurture towards those who need extra support in a kind and caring manner.

**Senior:** Olivia P - for striving for excellence in all that she does. Olivia sets extremely high standards for herself and always produces quality work. She displays nurture with the younger students and maintains respectful relationships with her peers and with adults that she encounters.



**Nga mihi nui,  
Anna Powrie**

[Principal@karaka.school.nz](mailto:Principal@karaka.school.nz)

**Welcome to Karaka School -**

James R

Yvette R



**Congratulations**

Congratulations Miss Yuretich and her partner Ricky on the birth of their daughter Lyla on 16th July.





Our flags are flying proudly in our school hall. They represent all the nationalities and affiliations for all the families at our school. Pop in and see how many you can name and see which families have sponsored which flags. If you are keen to sponsor one of the existing flags or have a new flag added to the collection with your family name on, contact Mr Dyer!



Vision West is a Charity we began supporting last year. They raise money to provide kiwi families in need with food and essential resources, particularly through the winter. For 24 hours only, from 10am on Tuesday 25th July, every dollar donated will be doubled and will help buy food to fill empty fridges and pantries close to home.

We will be sharing this messaging with children at school and discussing the concept of families in need in our local and wider communities.

Visit [visionwest.org.nz](http://visionwest.org.nz) to find out about their journey and [www.givingday.org.nz](http://www.givingday.org.nz) next **Tuesday 25th July** to have a donation doubled! Look out for our HERO post for more information.

We are turning the old Junior Playground next to Mokomoko into a Creative Play Zone where learners can build, create and play with a range of materials. You can see some ideas in the images below. Before we can do this, we need to fill it with wood chip / bark so it can be used year round. If you have access to FREE woodchip / mulch, please email Mr Dyer - [johned@karaka.school.nz](mailto:johned@karaka.school.nz)



## ICAS Exams 2023

Dear Karaka Whanau,

Karaka School will provide the opportunity for learners in Year 3-8 to compete in ICAS Exams during Term 3 in English, Mathematics and Science. Participation is voluntary. There is a cost of \$20.70 for each exam. Please see the letter shared on HERO for more details or visit the office for a paper copy.

If you would like your child to participate, visit <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps>. Use school access code: **RKP111**

Sign up before 31st July. Contact Mr Dyer with any essential questions :)

## Enrolments for 2024

The Board resolved on 12th June upon consultation from the Ministry that we would NOT be accepting any out of zone enrollment applications apart from those that fall within Priority 2-5 categories (please refer to our Website).

For forward planning, if your child lives in zone and is starting next year, or if you fall into the Priority 2-5 categories, please can you complete the online enrollment application (also found on our Website).

We are beginning to plan for 2024. If you have any information that may impact on the organization of our school next year e.g. moving, please let us know within the next couple of weeks so that we can ensure we are well organized for our learners come the new year.

### **Term 3 Illness and Medication**

- A reminder that at this time of year there are lots of bugs about. To help stop the spread, please keep your child home if they are unwell and ensure 24 hours have passed before sending your child to school after a stomach upset.
- Please be aware that all medication administered to a child must be brought to the office in the first instance. Medication must not be taken to the classroom or put in your child's lunchbox. A signed request/ medical form must be provided before medication will be administered by staff. Please call into the office to sign this form. A full copy of the Medication Policy can be found on the School docs website: <http://karaka.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm> Enter the username (karaka) and password (school) - Follow the link to the relevant policy.
- Hand washing is the simplest and most effective means to prevent, control and reduce infection. This includes colds, influenza and stomach bugs. Hands need to be washed and dried properly. Wet hands transfer bacteria more readily than dry hands which have not been washed at all.
- COVID—please inform the office if your child is positive or a household contact.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the following students who competed and performed extremely well in a large Cheer Leading competition during the holidays — Indie P, Thea P, Chloe W, Charlotte T, Ava M and Chloe S

### **Hero Newsletter Posts**

We are aware that on some Apple devices, users have difficulties with viewing the PDF attachment of the Newsletter. We are looking into this. The newsletter is also posted on our Website every week and is on the noticeboard outside the office, along with a few paper copies.

# AG DAY



**16th September 2023**

**CHICKENS:** Chickens arrive on this Friday 21st July. Please bring a box or a cat cage to take them home. Collect from the carpark after school. You will also receive a small bag of food provided by Animal Stuff. The chickens are approx. 5.5 weeks old this year. They will require chicken starter for approx. 3 weeks.

**SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Are you interested in sponsoring our ribbons and/or miniature trophies for Ag Day this year? The investment will be approximately \$900 for the ribbons and \$400 for the miniature trophies. If so please email Sarah Sutherland [sarahs@karaka.school.nz](mailto:sarahs@karaka.school.nz).

**AUCTION ITEMS AND/OR SPONSORSHIP:** Do you have a contact within a business? Each year Ag Day is generously supported by businesses and the school community. We would love to hear from anyone with contacts who may be able to support us in some way. This may include auction items i.e. vouchers, event tickets, products or cash which the committee can use to invest in purchasing auction items. Please contact Kelly Hitchcock on 027 886 8950 or [hitchcock.kelly@gmail.com](mailto:hitchcock.kelly@gmail.com). We would also love to hear from anyone who may have products we could sell on one of our stalls i.e. jams, chutneys.

**BOOK STALL:** We are having a second-hand book stall again this year. A box will be left in the Hall foyer for you to drop off any donated books, cookbooks or magazines.

**ANIMAL STUFFS:** Thank you to Animal Stuffs for

providing the starter bag of chicken food for those getting chickens on Friday. Sadly the Karaka shop had to be closed due to the lease being cancelled however there is a Drury shop just down the road and it is now open seven days. 222 Great South Road, on the forecourt of the Mobil Station. Ph 09 294 7266.



**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 25th July 7.00pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

# PTA News

## WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

Welcome back to Term 3 students, families and friends. We have some amazing things planned for term 3 and look forward to sharing these with you in due course.

## ART EXPO

The frames have been ordered for all our amazing student's art that sold during our art expo. We will have an update in the next few weeks as to when these have all been framed and will be ready for collection.

If anyone wishes to still purchase their child's artwork, please let us know :)

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

We have some exciting news in regards to school lunches.

We will share these updates with you over the next few weeks.

## PTA

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday 24th July at 7pm in the school staff room. All are welcome! If you are interested in attending, please email [kateyapope@gmail.com](mailto:kateyapope@gmail.com)

## School Fundraising Shop NZ

<https://www.schoolfundraisingshop.org.nz/>

The School Fundraising Shop is an online shop assisting the fundraising efforts of Parents and Teachers Associations (PTA) of schools across New Zealand. You shop, and they will donate to us!



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When you make a purchase, at checkout, select Karaka School from the dropdown menu. They will then donate 10% the total amount of your order to us. It's as easy as that!

Any questions/fundraising ideas or if you require uniform items urgently, you can email us on [karaka.pta@gmail.com](mailto:karaka.pta@gmail.com).



# Reminder Dates

<b>21 July</b>	Matariki Sharing Assembly 1.50pm
<b>24 July</b>	PTA meeting 7.00pm
<b>25 July</b>	Ag Day meeting 7.00pm
<b>28 July</b>	Assembly
<b>1 August</b>	ECCS Cross Country
<b>15 September</b>	Setting up for Ag Day
<b>16 September</b>	Ag Day (This is a school day)

## Community Notices



**Help your community vote.**

Register to work at the 2023 General Election.



For more information,  
visit [work.elections.nz](https://work.elections.nz)

## **Rosehill College In Zone Online Enrolments 2024**

Enrolments for 2024 will be done online [www.rosehillcollege.school.nz](http://www.rosehillcollege.school.nz)

Open Day—29th July 2023 9.00am—12.00pm to look around the School.

Out of Zone—In 2024 we may offer up to 30 out of zone places. To apply, please phone the College 2950695

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or other big family changes. Our Afterschool Programme starts next term on Thursday 27th of July and runs from 4pm-5pm over 8 weeks of the school term. It is held at the St Andrews Church facility in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme also runs at the same time, and an Adult Programme will be running over the term for those interested. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton 021 142 5812, office (09) 238 7228, or contact me at [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz). For more info please go to [www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons](http://www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons).

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